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Title: COMMON PERSISTENCE LAYER

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/433,327, filed December 13, 2002.

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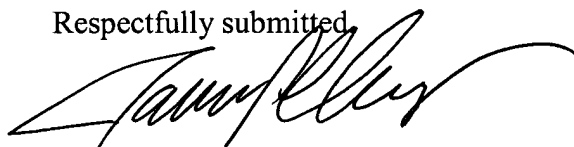
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